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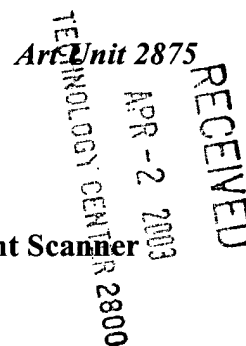
Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/050,046; Filed: January 17, 2002
For: **Systems and Methods for Illuminating a Platen in a Print Scanner**
Inventors: Arnold *et al.*
Our Ref: 1823.0560000

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (4 pages) listing the cited documents;
3. Copies of fifty-two (52) cited documents; and
4. A return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

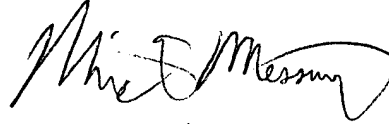


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Document AM2 (JP 1-205392) appears to describe a finger picture input device. An English-language abstract of document AM2 is enclosed as document AS1 on the attached PTO-1449.

Document AN2 (JP 3-161884) appears to describe a finger image input device. An English-language abstract of document AN2 is enclosed as document AT1 on the attached PTO-1449.

Document AO2 (JP 3-194674) appears to describe a finger image input device. An English-language abstract of document AO2 is enclosed as document AR2 on the attached PTO-1449.

Document AP2 (JP 3-194675) appears to describe a finger image input device. An English-language abstract of document AP2 is enclosed as document AS2 on the attached PTO-1449.

Document AL3 (JP 62-212892) appears to describe a finger print pattern input device. An English-language abstract of document AL3 is enclosed as document AT2 on the attached PTO-1449.

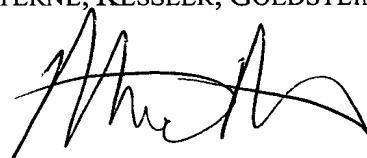
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

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	AB1	3,527,535	09/1970	Monroe			
	AC1	3,699,519	10/1972	Campbell			
	AD1	4,152,056	05/1979	Fowler			
	AE1	4,210,899	07/1980	Swonger <i>et al.</i>			
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	AN1	WO 90/03620	04/1990	PCT	G06K	9/20	Yes No
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	AR	<u>1</u>	IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., October 1986, Vol. 29, No. 5, pages 1-3.
	AS	<u>1</u>	English-language Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 01-205392, from http://www1.ipdl.jpo.go.jp , 1 Page (August 17, 1989 - Date of publication of application).
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